

To: Ferrell, Mark[Ferrell.Mark@epa.gov]
From: Smith, Bonnie
Sent: Thur 2/27/2014 3:04:06 PM
Subject: hot wash - debriefing

It s a debriefing - discussing lessons learned and opportunities for improvement.

A hot wash is a common part of emergency response exercises. At the end of the exercise, everyone comes together to discuss what worked, what didn't and what could be done to make our response better the next time.

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From: Ferrell, Mark
Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2014 8:22 AM
To: Smith, Bonnie
Subject: Re: WV Chemical Leak hotwash + looping in Mark Ferrell

What does the term hotwash mean?

From: Smith, Bonnie
Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2014 8:18:29 AM
To: duteau, helen; Jarvela, Steve; Burns, Francis; Wright, Dave; Matlock, Dennis; Werner, Lora; Casillas, Laura; Heston, Gerald; Linden, melissa; Ventura, Dominic; Ferrell, Mark
Subject: RE: WV Chemical Leak hotwash + looping in Mark Ferrell

Don't know if you were able to attend the Bob P. All-Hands Meeting yesterday.

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From: Smith, Bonnie
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To: duteau, helen; Jarvela, Steve; Burns, Francis; Wright, Dave; Matlock, Dennis; Werner, Lora; Casillas, Laura; Heston, Gerald; Linden, melissa; Ventura, Dominic
Cc: White, Terri-A; schaffer, joan
Subject: WV Chemical Leak hotwash +

Steve and Laura,

You, and all of our OSCs, are smart, well trained, expert in emergency response, have working relationships with local governments and emergency responders, want the public to understand what happening to deal with the problem and also fearless, when needed, to take on complex challenges. EPA communications needs to be as well prepared to engage and respond to these complex challenges.

Glad to participate. Hope that emergency response communication training and updated processes might be two of the outcomes. Training was something Bob P said he thought was a good idea for the Region and HQ to do.

Thank you for raising these issues yesterday.

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From: duteau, helen
Sent: Thursday, February 27, 2014 7:15 AM
To: Jarvela, Steve; Burns, Francis; Wright, Dave; Matlock, Dennis; Werner, Lora; Casillas, Laura; Heston, Gerald; Smith, Bonnie; Linden, melissa; Ventura, Dominic
Subject: RE: WV Chemical Leak hotwash

Thanks Steve...would be more than happy to participate. I was still the acting OPA Director when the spill happened so I can offer my perspective from the press side if that would be helpful.

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From: Jarvela, Steve
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To: Burns, Francis; Wright, Dave; Matlock, Dennis; Werner, Lora; Casillas, Laura; Heston, Gerald; duteau, helen; Smith, Bonnie; Linden, melissa; Ventura, Dominic
Subject: WV Chemical Leak hotwash

As one of the senior OSCs I would like to volunteer to facilitate the Hotwash of the WV Chemical Leak response. In fact Bob P. thought it would be a good idea for the Region and HQ to do.

Laura and I raised the issue of EPA communication or lack thereof with the community during this incident that had Bob suggesting HQ and the Region do some joint training in the topic. Laura and I will draft an outline and work with HQ staff preparing for and scheduling a joint training session.

Steve